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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

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I hereby claim priority under 35 USC §119 or 35 USC §120 to United States Provisional Patent Application 60/371,837, filed 04/11/2002 (MM/DD/YYYY)

I hereby appoint the attorneys and agents indicated by the following USPTO Customer Number to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith, and direct all correspondence to be sent to the address indicated by this Customer Number:

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